

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 102

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CRAWFORD.

1066S.011

KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 116.080, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to qualifications for petition circulators, with existing penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 116.080, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 116.080,
3 to read as follows:

116.080. 1. Each petition circulator shall be at
2 least eighteen years of age, **a registered voter in this**
3 **state**, and registered with the secretary of state.
4 Signatures collected by any circulator who has not
5 registered with the secretary of state pursuant to this
6 chapter on or before 5:00 p.m. on the final day for filing
7 petitions with the secretary of state shall not be counted.
8 A petition circulator shall be deemed registered at the time
9 such circulator delivers a signed circulator's affidavit
10 pursuant to section 116.030, with respect to a referendum
11 petition, or section 116.040, with respect to an initiative
12 petition, to the office of the secretary of state. No
13 person shall qualify as a petition circulator who has been
14 convicted of, found guilty of, or pled guilty to an offense
15 involving forgery under the laws of this state or an offense
16 under the laws of any other jurisdiction if that offense
17 would be considered forgery under the laws of this state.

18 2. Each petition circulator shall subscribe and swear
19 to the proper affidavit on each petition page such
20 circulator submits before a notary public commissioned in
21 Missouri. When notarizing a circulator's signature, a
22 notary public shall sign his or her official signature and
23 affix his or her official seal to the affidavit only if the
24 circulator personally appears before the notary and
25 subscribes and swears to the affidavit in his or her
26 presence.

27 3. Any circulator who falsely swears to a circulator's
28 affidavit knowing it to be false is guilty of a class A
29 misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of
30 section 560.021 to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment
31 not to exceed one year in the county jail or a fine not to
32 exceed ten thousand dollars or both.

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